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SUMMARY

Hailing the success of SSF Month, Peking suggests that it be made a regular occasion, but also points out that the importance of emulating the Russians and of China's debt to the USSR must be hammered home steadily through normal propaganda efforts. Meetings are held to "pay homage" to Stalin on his birthday, and the Reston interview brings forth comment that "Stalin's voice" inspires the entire world. The first train produced under Russian direction at Dairen has been named the "peace train," while the extent of Russian technical guidance is illustrated by a report of Russian techniques "designed for construction in the Northeast."

Moves to push study of the Russian language and reading of Russian publications continue, and the entire system of higher education has been reorganized to expand technical training for national construction. A direct propaganda drive also is planned to meet the needs of the military and basic construction, masked behind talk of "transferring power to the people," and of facing a new situation" through American refusal to make peace in Korea, indicating that ambitious economic plans for 1953, combined with the Korean war, will demand even heavier sacrifices from the Chinese people. The drive to substitute police committees and controlled mobs for judicial procedures continues.

Difficulties in collecting taxes are revealed in the Northwest, especially farm taxes. Complaints and dissatisfaction among farmers may have prompted the farcical contrast of prosperous Soviet farmers with the harassed and bankrupt American farmers, who made only enough last year to pay taxes and buy equipment.

Propaganda on Anglo-American dissension branches out into claims of growing anti-American sentiment in Western Europe and even in Vienna, with America blamed for that city's ills. The Indian U.N. resolution for a Korean truce is represented as being unpopular in India, where papers demand that the Americans who engineered the resolution be punished.

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